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MEMORANDUM FOR: Associate Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT : IAS Quarterly Report for July-September 1974

1. IAS held a planning conference at [] in September. Thirteen senior officers including the director and his deputy attended the two day session. The agenda included integration and scheduling of management processes related to MBO, letters of instruction, competitive evaluation rankings and fitness reports; review of selected portions of the DDI personnel handbook; and the impact of the new collection system on IAS' operations. Methods of evaluating IAS' responses to consumer needs and pros and cons of continuing the preliminary assessment were also discussed. The second day was devoted to the discussion of the IAS role in the [] era. It was agreed that we would continue to pursue a dialogue with production offices with a view of determining their needs for IAS support and developing requisite IAS resource requirements for FY 77.

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2. Approval was received for installation of the first two of four requested OJCS remote terminals in IAS. The necessary secure transmission lines were installed this quarter. Actual installation of two Delta Data CRT terminals and two accompanying Texas Instruments printers is expected to be complete by late-November. This will permit us to have direct access to the computer capabilities of CIA for the first time. We will be able to use, among other things, the MIS and statistical programs. We hope also to be able to make direct inputs to data bases used by the production offices.

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3. In July we had the second running of the OTR/IAS Information Science and Imagery Analysis Workshop. Fourteen imagery analysts from IAS, plus two from NPIC, attended the two-week course which is specifically tailored to IAS' needs. We are deriving practical benefits from the workshop and it is being improved with each new running. The third running is now set for December.

4. As we began the new fiscal year, it should be noted that we carry 120 continuing or standing requirements in addition to receiving day-to-day (ad hoc) requirements. These are reviewed annually and renewed as necessary at the start of each fiscal year. The products of 100 of these requirements go directly to support production office analysis. The other requirements authorize support to the research and planning activities of IAS.

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5. We received 120 requirements this quarter as compared to 153 for the preceding quarter. A slight increase was noted for the second consecutive quarter, however, in requirements from the DDO--23 as compared to 17. The increase in the number of requirements continues to indicate that our efforts to encourage wider use of imagery throughout the DDO are paying off.

6. IAS expended over 45,000 manhours on imagery analysis during the period of this report. This represents 71 percent of the time available to the [] people directly engaged in this activity. Overtime increased significantly from 233 manhours for the preceding quarter to 1,387 manhours for this quarter. Over 500 hours of this overtime is charged to reading out [] missions in the [] [] another 500 to the assimilation of satellite missions, and the remainder to answering time critical requirements.

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7. We expended 1,700 manhours on the readout and assessment of the 13 [] flown and received during the quarter. Because conditions have stabilized in the zones we note that the average time to read out a mission has decreased from 147 manhours per mission in July to 112 manhours in September. These readouts involve an average of 10 analysts per mission. We have different teams handling the Colan Heights and Suez missions.

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8. In the period of July through September we received four [] Buckets, two [] Buckets, and the following aircraft missions: 16 SR-71; 15 U-2; 87 drone, and [] Reconnaissance missions. These numbers approximate those of the previous quarter.

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9. No preliminary assessment was accomplished on either bucket of []. The recovery of the first bucket fell within the time frame of this report. As stated in our memorandum to your office, failure to prepare an assessment did not significantly reduce our costs of assimilating the new material.

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11. During the months of July through September we lost a total of 5 professionals, -- three on transfer to production offices, one for 1 year LWOP to complete his PhD, and one to resignation. This

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same period we brought on duty 3 professionals. We presently have 15 IA careerists on assignment outside IAS; eight in Headquarters production offices, one in Saigon, one in the Career Training Program, two on [redacted] one at ICAF, one assigned to an IR project with DOD, and one attending the University of Maryland.

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